

The Banner Rainfall

There are probably few places in the world that can outdo the record of Mount Waialeale for rainfall; 561 inches is the record for one year. At Kokee, 10 miles away and at a somewhat lower elevation the rainfall was only 77 inches.

The maximum daily rainfall recorded for the island was 25.5 inches at Wainiha. It is quite likely however that Waialeale could have gone Wainiha something better if there had been a daily record.

The Waimea Church

A special meeting of the Waimea Hawaiian church was held Sunday afternoon at which three children were baptized, the Lords supper was administered, and Mr. Sam Kellinui was received into membership on reaffirmation of faith and made one of the deacons of the church.

Rev. J. M. Lydgate assisted by Rev. S. K. Kaulili conducted the services.

The Climate of Kokee

An investigation of climatic and living conditions made at Kokee with a view to its adoption as a company and recreation region, shows a maximum temperature of 74 and a minimum of 30 with a mean of 43. There have been mornings lately when we thought it was 30 right here in Lihue!

Dependent

It seems, according to the Governor's report, that we imported last year 23,528 boxes of oranges, 22,798 bags of onions and 85,586 bags of potatoes. Where oh where is the small farmer? And what will happen when we are cut off from the mainland?

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Sure of Russia's Future

Character of Great Peasant Class Will Make for Stability

Events in Russia have of late so stumbled on one another's heels that the American's natural mood is one of bewilderment. It is hard among conflicting reports, to judge the true state of affairs, still harder to predict the future. For it is only on the basis of first hand knowledge of the Russian people that any conjectures are possible on this question, which is of the most momentous concern to the United States. Mr. Charles Edward Russell, member of the Root commission to Russia, in the third of his series of articles on "The New Russia in the Making," which appears in Hearst's Magazine for December, gives a striking picture, remarkable for detail and insight, of the little known Russian people themselves—the peasants, on whom the fate of the country now hangs. His observations are worthy of careful study, for they overthrow completely the common notion of the Russian peasant, and will force many people to reverse their opinion on the character and future of the Russian nation. Our clearest pictures have hitherto been derived from novels written in the nineteenth century. But much water has run under the mill: the novels describe conditions which, since the emancipation of the serfs, have gradually ceased to exist. In place of these antiquated ideas, Mr. Russell gives us a view, photographic in its completeness, of the real Russian peasant of today. The study which he has made of the underlying causes of the recent revolution—the gradual change in the peasant's mode of life, the chain of cause and effect through which the autocracy wrought its own doom—prove that the new Russia did not spring into being in a day. He picks the bubble of the belief that the Russians are a nation of ignorant barbarians, unfit to work out a destiny of self government; and he draws an interesting parallel between the conditions making for individualism in the United States and those which have gone to develop a strong social sense in Russian people. So cogent an account of facts and forces now at work, furnish the foundation of actuality, on which alone calculations as to the future of the Russian republic can be based.

Racial Birthrate

From official reports for the year ending June 30, 1917, we take the following suggestive figures in regard to the comparative birth rates. Hawaiian 507, Part Hawaiian 907, Portuguese 971, Chinese 680, American 295, Japanese 4,404.

From the looks of the back yards we had always supposed that the Portuguese could hold their own with anybody, but apparently they aren't in it with the Japanese.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Hans Isenberg wishes to thank all the friends for the sympathy and the tribute of respect shown her late husband, the Rev. Hans Isenberg and herself.

WILL Great Britain at last abandon its inconvenient coinage system and adopt a decimal system? The Institute of Bankers and the association of Chambers of Commerce have unanimously agreed upon a plan that is simple and that could be easily effected. The pound sterling would remain the unit, but would be divided into one thousand "mils." What is now the shilling would be fifty "mils." There would be coins of one, two, three, four, five and ten "mils." Thus the only interference with the present system would be that with the penny, which would differ but little from four "mils."

The Hilo Post states that Mrs. Samuel K. Pua, wife of the Sheriff of Hawaii, is under the care of a physician, and so the Sheriff felt it necessary to postpone a business trip to another part of the island.

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